ARTICLES TO BE ENQVIRED OF VVITHIN THE Dioceſſe of *Bangor*,

IN THE FIRST VISITATION,

Of the Right Reuerend Father in God,
EDMVND Lord Biſhop of *Bangor*.

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CHwychwi a dyngwch, ar i chwi, gan rodd heibio holl ffafor, Casineb, gobaith gwobr ac elw, neu ofn anfodioneb, yn ol ystyrio o honoch yn ddyfal y pwngciau neu'r articles y rhai a roddwyd i chwi tan siars, presentio holl a phob cyfryw ddyn o fewn eich plwyf ar a gomittiodd neb vn gamwedd yn gamwedd yn y rhain, neu ueb vn or rhain bwngciau, neu y fawl yr ydys yn eu tybieid yn ddirfawr, neu yn eu cablu megis rhai euog or cyfryw gamwedd: yn yr hyn chwi a ddyfierfiwch eich cydwybodau yn ol y gwirionedd, heb presentio neb o falais yngwrthwyneb ir gwirionedd, ac heb arbed neb trwy ddrwgfarch, ac felly celu y gwirionedd, gan yn y weithred hon ofod duw oflaen eich golwg gyda difrif zel i faintimmio gwirionedd; ac i gyftuddio pechod, fel y buddo i dduw eich helpu, ac yftyr y llyfr hwn.

Duw a gatwo'r Brenin.

The forme of the oath to be miniſtred to the Church-wardens and Side-men.

YOu ſhall ſweare, that all affection, fauour, hatred, hope, or reward and gaine, or feare of diſpleaſure or malice ſet aſide, you ſhall vpon due conſideration of the Articles giuen you in charge, preſent all and euery ſuch perſon, of, or within your Pariſh, as hath committed any offence mentioned in theſe or any of theſe Articles, or which are vehemently ſuſpected, and defamed of any ſuch offence: wherin you ſhall diſcharge your conſciences vprightly, and according to truth, neither of malice preſenting any contrarie to truth, nor of corrupt affection ſparing to preſent any, and ſo conceale the truth, hauing in this action God before your eyes, with an earneſt zeale to maintaine the truth and ſuppreſſe vice. So helpe you God and the contents of this booke.

Articles to bee enquired of within the Diocesse of *Bangor*, in the visitation to be holden in the yeere of our Lord, 1634.

IN*primis*, doth your Minister vse to pray for the Kings Maiestie, King *Charles*, and for the Queenes Maiestie, Prince *Charles*, and all the royall Progeny, with addition of all such Stile, and Titles as are due to his Highnesse; and exhort the people to obedience, to his Maiestie and all Magistrates in authority vnder Him: And doeth hee also pray for all Arch-Bishops, Bishops, and other Ecclesiasticall persons.

2. Whether is the Prescript forme of diuine Service, vsed by your Minister vpon Sundayes, holy dayes, and other dayes appointed by the Booke of Common Prayer at fit and vsuall hou es? And whether doth your Minister duely obserue all the orders, rites, and ceremonies prescribed in the said Booke of Common Prayer, without omission or addition, as well in reading publique Prayers and the Letany, as also in administring the Sacraments in such manner and forme, as by the law now established is ioyned?

3. Whether doth your Minister administer the holy Communion so often, and at such times, as that euery parishioner may receiue the same once every moneth, or at least thrice euery yeere, whereof once at Easter, and administreth the same to none, but to such as kneele at the receiuing thereof, and whether doth hee cause sufficient warning thereof, to bee giuen before?

4. Whether hath your Minister reiected any from the Communion, who were not by publique presentment, or other open scandall, infamous and detected of some notorious crime, by common fame, or vehement suspition knowne in the Parish?

5. Whether hath your Minister receiued people of other parishes to his Church, to the common and diuine seruice? And whether his parishioners haue gone to other Churches and places, to heare seruice, or receiue

the Sacrament, and whether hee and the Church-wardens haue presented such as haue not receiued the Lords Supper the last Easter?

6. Whether is your Minister continually resident with you vpon his benefice? Or for how long time hath hee beene absent? And where is hee resident for the most part, and what other benefice hath he? And doth hee in his absence make allowance for the Poore, and what?

7. Whether doth your Minister being a Preacher, preach vsually in his owne cure with you once euery Sunday, or how hath hee beene negligent in that behalfe?

8. Whether is your Minister a Preacher allowed? If yea, then by whom? If no, whether doth hee procure Sermons to be preached among you once in euery moneth at the least, by such as are lawfully licensed, or doth contribute towards a licensed preacher, and what?

9. Whether hath your Minister any other benefice? And whether doth he supply his absence by a curate that is sufficiently licensed to Preach in that Cure whereon hee himselfe is not resident? Or otherwise in case he doth not find a Preaching Minister there, by reason of the smallnesse thereof: Whether doth he preach at both his Benefices vsually himselfe?

10. Whether is your Curate licensed to serue by the Bishop of this Diocesse? And whether doth your Minister or Curate serue any more Cures then one? If yea, then what other Cure doth hee also serue?

11. If your Minister bee not licensed to Preach as aforesaid; doth hee reade Homilies, or rather take vpon him to expound the Scriptures, either in his owne Cure, or else-where contrary to the 48. Canon.

12. Whether doth your Minister weare the Surples whilest hee is saying the publique Prayers, and administring the Sacraments?

13. Whether doth your Minister euery Sunday and Holy-day, before Euening Prayer for halfe an houre or more, examine and instruct the youth and ignorant persons of your Parish in the tenne Commandements, the Articles of the Beliefe, and in the Lords Prayer? Declare the trueth.

14. Whether hath your Minister without license from the Bishop of the Diocesse or his Chancellor, solemnized marriage betwixt any parties, the banes not being three seuerall Sundayes or Holy-dayes first published in time of Diuine Seruice in the seuerall Churches or Chappells of their seuerall abodes, according to the Booke of Common Prayer, or without license in time prohibited, albeit the banes were so published? Or at any time, except betwixt the houres of eight and twelue in the forenoone.

15. Whether doth your Minister in the Rogation dayes, vse the perambulation or the Circuit of the parish appointed by Law, and in the same

ſame perambulation moove the people to giue thankes to God for his benefits, vſing ſuch Pſalmes, Prayers, and Homilies as are to that end ſet foorth?

16. Whether doth any man (being neither Miniſter nor Deacon) read common prayer openly in your Church or Chappell, or vſe any other miniſteriall dutie in the Church that belongeth to a Miniſter or Deacon? And what is his name that ſo doth, or hath ſo done?

17. Whether doth your Miniſter euery ſix moneths denounce in his pariſh all ſuch of his pariſh as doe perſeuere in the ſentence of excommunication? And whether hath hee admitted any perſon excommunicate into the Church without a Certificate of his abſolution from the Ordinarie? And hath hee ſtayed or forborne to denounce any excommunication or ſuſpenſion that hath beene ſent vnto him?

18. Whether doth your Miniſter being a Preacher, endeauour and labour diligently with mildneſſe and temperance to conferre with, and thereby to reclaime the popiſh Recuſants in his Pariſh from their errours? And whether they or any of them doe refuſe ſuch conference with your Miniſter, and whether is your Parſon, Vicar, Lecturer, or Curate too much frequent, or ouer-much conuerſant with, or a fauourer of Recuſants, whereby hee may bee ſuſpected, not to bee ſincere in his Religion?

19. Whether when any perſon or perſons hath beene dangerouſly ſicke in your pariſh, your Miniſter (hauing knowledge thereof) hath not reſorted to euery of them, to inſtruct and comfort them in their diſtreſſe, according to the manner and forme appointed in the Booke of Common Prayer? And whether when any pariſhoner hath beene paſsing out of this life, your Miniſter hath ſlacked to doe his laſt duty in that behalfe?

20. Whether your Miniſter vſeth buying and ſelling, or trading, or to hedge, ditch, or to goe to plough, or hath ſoicited other mens ſuits for gaine, or imployed himſelfe about other ſuch buſineſſe, not beſeeming or fitting his calling?

21. Whether is your Miniſter reputed to bee an incontinent perſon, or to keepe in his houſe, or frequent the company of any man or woman that are ſuſpected either to bee of euill religion, or bad life?

22. Or whether is he a common haunter of Tauernes, Alehouſes, or any ſuſpected place? declare the trueth vpon your oath.

23 Or whether doth he boord or lodge in any of them, or is a common Gameſter or player at Dice, Cards, Tables, or other vnlawfull Games; a common ſwearer, a drunkard, or one that applieth not himſelfe in his ſtudy, or faulty in any other crime puniſhable by Eccleſiaſticall cenſures, whereby he is offenſiue and ſcandalous to his function & miniſterie?

24 Doth your Minister weare vsually such decent apparrell, and habit, as be fit for his place according to the 74. Canon?

25. Whether his Maiesties instructions lately sent to your parish concerning lectures, celebration of Diuine Seruice, Catechising, and Sermons bee duely obserued: If not, you shall present by whom, and when any of the said instructions haue beene transgressed?

Concerning the Church.

1. WHether you haue in your seuerall Churches and Chappels, the Booke of Constitutions, or Canons Ecclesiasticall, and whether is there in your Church or Chappell one parchment Register booke prouided for Christnings, Marriages, and Burialls? And whether is the same duely and exactly kept according to the constitutions in that behalfe prouided? And is the mothers christen name therein registered as well as the fathers: And a transcript thereof brought in yeerely within one moneth after the twenty fifth of March, into the Lord Bishops principall Registarie?

2 Whether haue you prouided the Booke of Common Prayer in *Welsh* and *English*, lately commanded by his Maiesties authoritie, only to be vsed, and the Booke of Homilies, and two Seruice Bookes, and a large Bible of the last Edition in *Welch* and *English*?

3. Whether haue you in your Church or Chappell a Font of stone, set vp in the ancient vsuall place, a conuenient and decent Communion Table standing vpon a frame, with a Carpet of silke, or some other decent stuffe, and a faire linnen cloath to lay thereon at the Communion time? And whether is the same there placed in such conuenient sort within the Chancell or Church, as that the Minister may bee best heard in his Prayer and Administration, and that the greater number may Communicate? And is the same Table so vsed out of Diuine seruice or in it, as it is not agreeable to the holy vse of it, by sitting, throwing hats on it, writing on it, or is it abased to other prophane vses?

4. Whether are the ten Commandements set vpon the East end of your Church or Chappell, where the people may best see and read them, and other sentences of holy Scripture written vpon the walles likewise for the same purpose?

5. Whether haue you any conuenient seate for your Minister to reade Seruice in, together with a comely Pulpit set vp in a conuenient place, with a decent cloth or cushion for the same, a comely large Surples a faire Communion Cup of siluer, and a couer agreeable for the same, with all o-

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ther things and ornaments neceſſary for the celebration of Diuine Seruice, and the Adminiſtration of the Sacraments, and a ſtrong Cheſt for the almes of the poore, with three lockes and keies, whereof the Miniſter to keepe one key, and another Cheſt for the keeping of the Ornaments of the Church and the Regiſter-booke?

6. Whether are your Church or Chappells, with the Chancels thereof, and your Parſonage or Vicarage houſe and all other houſes thereto belonging in good reparations, and decently and comely kept, as well within as without, and the Seats well maintained, as in the Canons is appointed? If not, then through whoſe default, and what defects are?

7. Whether your Church-yard be well and ſufficiently repaired, fenced, and maintained with walls, railes, or pales, and by whom?

8. Whether any perſon hath incroached vpon the ground of the Church-yard?

9. Whether haue you in your Church any ancient or true note or terrier of all the gleabe lands, meadowes, gardens, orchards, houſes, ſtocks, implements, tenements, and portions of tithes, lying within or without your pariſh, which belongs to your Parſonage or Vicarage? if there bee any, whether it is well kept and preſerued for the good of the ſucceeding incumbents, and in what particular place it is kept? and whether a true copy thereof, vnder the hands of the Miniſters and Church-wardens, hath beene tranſmitted into the Lords principall Regiſtrie? and when? if you haue none, you ſhall make one, and bring it in within your preſentment, ſubſcribed as aforeſaid.

Concerning Schoole-maſters.

VVHether the Schoole-maſter, or Schoole-maſters within your pariſh, openly or priuately in any Gentlemans houſe, or in any other place, be of good and ſincere Religion, life, and conuerſation, and be diligent in teaching and bringing vp of youth, and whether they haue been examined, allowed, and licenced for Schoole-maſters by the Biſhop of *Bangor*, or his Chancellor, and how many ſeuerall Schoole-maſters haue you, and what be their names?

Concerning Pariſh-Clerkes.

1. VVHether haue you a fit Pariſh Clerke, aged twenty yeeres at leaſt, of honeſt conuerſation, and ſufficient for reading and writing? and whether he bee paid his wages without fraud, according to the

the moſt ancient cuſtome of your Pariſh? If not, then by whom is hee ſo defrauded and denied?

2. Is the Church cleane kept, the doores lockt at fit times? Is any thing loſt or ſpoyled in the Church, and are the Communion Tables, Font, Bookes, and Ornaments of the Church kept faire and cleane?

Touching Church-wardens, and Side-men, and other Officers.

VVHether the Church-wardens and Side-men doe euery Sunday and Holy-day, diligently ſearch who abſenteth himſelfe, or her ſelfe from Church, and whether they doe ſuffer any to abide in the Church Porch or Church-yard, in the time of Common Prayer or Sermon? And you ſhall preſent ſuch as haue beene, or ſhall be found to bee abſent.

2. Whether the Church-wardens and Side-men or any of them, haue for money, reward, fauour or affection, forborne to preſent any that were or be negligent in comming to Church, or whom they haue found as idle perſons abroad, either in the Church-yard or ſtreets, in the time of Common Prayer or Sermon on Sundayes or Holy-dayes, or any that did not receiue the Communion yeerely at the Feaſt of Eaſter, or within ſome conuenient time after?

3. Whether the Church-wardens at the end of the yeere giue vp in writing, a iuſt account before the Miniſter and Pariſhioners, of their receipts and diſburſments, and deliuer the reſidue by bill indented to the next Church-wardens, or the Miniſter, or the Pariſhioners, or any of them, to your knowledge, or as you haue heard, haue withheld or detained in their cuſtody, or haue ſold, waſted, ſpent, or otherwiſe alienated any Lead, Bells, or Bell-mettall, or other of the Church goods, or ſtocke of money? And let them ſpecifie their names, and the value and quantitie of ſuch things as were ſo ſold, made away or deteined, and how long ſince?

Concerning Pariſhioners, and other of the Laity.

1. VVHether there bee any that doe not reuerently behaue themſelues during the time of Diuine Seruice, deuoutly kneeling, when the generall confeſsion of ſinnes, the Letany, the ten Commandements, and all Prayers and Collects are read, and vſing all due and lowly reuerence when the bleſſed name of the Lord Ieſus Chriſt is mentioned, and ſtanding vp when the Articles of the beliefe are read, or which doe couer their heads in the Church, during the time of Diuine Seruice, vnleſſe it be in caſe of neceſsity, in which caſe they may vſe a night-cap?

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2. Whether any perſon haue played at Tennis, daunced, played at foot-ball, lurked, or tipled in Tauernes or Ale-houſes on Sundayes, or other Holy-dayes before Euening Prayers, or vſed his or their manuall craft or miſterie, or any bodily labour, or keept the ſhops open vpon the ſaid dayes, or any of them, eſpecially in the time of Diuine Seruice, or ſuffered his or their ſeruants to ſell any wares or victualls in that time, or to offend in any of the premiſſes?

3. Whether any perſon in your Pariſh brawled for ſeates or burying places, quarrelled or vſed any violence vnto, or with your Miniſter, or any other perſon in the Church or Church-yard, or vſed himſelfe diſorderly in the Church by filthy and prophane talke, or any other rude and immodeſt behauiour.

4. Whether doe all fathers, mothers, maſters, and miſtreſſes cauſe their children, ſeruants, and prentices to come to the Catechiſme vpon the Sundayes and Holy-dayes before Euening Prayer, to heare, and be inſtructed and taught therein, and thoſe that doe not their duties herein, you ſhall preſent their names?

5. How many inhabitants within your Pariſh, men or women aboue the age of ſixteene yeeres, doe refuſe to frequent Diuine Seruice, eſtabliſhed by publike authority in this Realme, or to receiue the holy Communion, or are negligent therein? Or comming to Church doe depart before the end of Diuine Seruice or Sermon, what be their names, and of what degree, ſtate, or trade of life are they? You are to preſent them all of each ſort.

6. Whether there be any Popiſh Recuſants married, the child of any Recuſant chriſtened, or any Recuſant buried within your Pariſh, by any other then the Miniſter of your Pariſh, where, when, and by whom, and what certificate haue you receiued thereof? or whether the childe of any Recuſant remaine vnbaptized aboue one moneth, or bee not baptized in the Pariſh Church?

7. Whether haue any in your Pariſh beene married within the prohibited degrees forbidden by Law, and expreſſed in a certaine table, publiſhed by authority in Anno. 1563. If yea, then you ſhall preſent their names? And whether haue you the ſaid table publiquely ſet vp in your Church, and faſtened to ſome conuenient place?

8. Whether haue you in your pariſh to your knowledge, or by common fame and report, any which haue committed aduitery, fornication, or inceſt, or any bawdes, harbourers, or receiuers of ſuch perſons, or vehemently ſuſpected thereof? which haue not beene publiquely puniſhed to your knowledge? If yea, then ſpecifie the names of them all.

9. Whether haue you in your pariſh, any perſons which are by common fame and report, or vehement ſuſpition, reputed and taken to bee common drunkards, blaſphemers of Gods holy Name, common and vſuall ſwearers, filthy ſpeakers, railers, ſowers of diſcord among their neighbours, or ſpeakers againſt Miniſters marriages, Vſurers contrary to the Statute made in the 37. yeere of King *Henry* the eight, or Simoniacall perſons? you ſhall not faile to preſent their names, as you ſhall anſwere before God.

10. Whether haue any in your pariſh receiued or harboured, any woman gotten with child out of wedlocke, and ſuffered any ſuch againe to depart without Penance firſt inflicted vpon them by their Ordinarie? you ſhall truely preſent as well the party harbouring, as harboured, and all that helped to conuey them or her away, and who is ſuſpected to haue committed adultery or fornication with her.

11. Whether any perſon or perſons ſuſpected or detected heretofore of incontinency, and therefore departing out of your Pariſh, is now returned againe? or in what place elſe is he or ſhe now abiding, as you know or haue heard, and whether he or ſhee haue done any penance, and what penance, or elſe eſcaped without penance? and by what and whoſe meanes? you ſhall preſent the whole trueth in that behalfe.

12. Whether there be in your Pariſh, any Wills not yet prooued, or goods of the dead dying inteſtate, left vnadminiſtred by the authority of the Ordinarie in that behalfe? and whether any poſſeſſe the goods of any party deceaſed, without authority from the Ordinarie? you ſhall not faile to preſent the Executors, and all others faulty and culpable therein.

13. What perſon or perſons doe you know that haue died in your Pariſh, ſince the Lord Biſhops laſt Viſitation, that had goods or debts in other parts of the Dioceſſe of *Bangor*, out of the iuriſdiction in which the party dyed, or that died in any other Archdeaconrie or Iuriſdiction of this Dioceſſe, and had goods in your Pariſh? and whether the Executor to ſuch perſon or any other, meddled with ſuch deſeaſeds goods by authority of the Commiſſary or Archdeacons Officiall, and not by the authority of the Lord Biſhop of *Bangor*, or his Chancellor?

14. Is there any legacy giuen to the Church, or to other good and godly vſes, as reliefe of the poore, Orphans, poore Schollers, poore maidens, marriages, Schoollers, high-wayes, and ſuch like, which is not yet performed? If there bee any ſuch, you ſhall preſent what you know, or can learne thereof, and by whoſe default the ſame is not performed.

15. Whether there bee any Inne-keepers, Ale-wiues, Victuallers, or Tiplers, that ſuffer or doe admit any perſon or perſons, in their houſes to eat, drinke, or play at dice, cards, tables, bowles, or ſuch like games in the time

time of Common Prayer, Preaching, or reading of Homilies? Or whether you haue any Butchers, or others that commonly vse to sell meat, or other things in the time of Common Prayer, Preaching, or reading of Homilies?

16. Whether any markets, or selling of wares bee vsed or suffered in any Church-yards on the Sabbath day by common pack-men, and Pedlers going about, or any Butchers, or others?

17. Whether doe you know, or haue heard of any Patron or Aduowsioner in your Parish that hath made a gaine by any colour, deceit, or Simoniacall pact in bestowing his benefice for gaine: For, or receiuing money or promise of the lease of the whole part, or by reseruing of his owne tithes, or any pension to himselfe or any other?

18. What Almes-houses, Hospitals, or Spittles for poore people haue you in your Parish, that are not of the foundation, or Patronage of the King? And who was the founder or Patron thereof? And whether the said Almes-houses, Hospitals, or Spittles in your parish being vnder our Rule and gouernance, bee well and godly vsed, according to the foundations and ancient ordinances of the same? And whether there bee any other placed in them then poore, impotent, and needie persons, that haue not wherewith, or whereby to liue?

19. Whether doe you know of any other matter of Ecclesiasticall Cognizance worthy the presentment in your iudgement, heretofore in the Articles not expressed, and which is fit to bee reformed in Ecclesiasticall censure? If ye doe, you shall likewise present the same by vertue of your oathes.

The Minister in euery Parish may ioyne in Presentment with the Church-wardens and Side-men, and if they will not present, then the Ministers themselues, that should haue the chiefe care to suppresse sinne and impiety in their Parishes, may and out to present the Crimes aforesaid, and such things as shall be thought fit to be reformed.

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